

POLICE — STATISTICS

2774. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many police officers took sick or stress leave from January 2005 to August 2007; and
 - (a) what was the total number of days off; and
 - (b) what was the total cost to the Western Australian Police Service?
- (2) How many crimes were reported to police from January 2001 to August 2007?
- (3) What was the overall clearance rate for all crimes in August 2007?
- (4) What is the backlog of warrants the Western Australia Police are dealing with as at today's date?
- (5) How many police officers are working in non-operational roles as at today's date?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (1) Police officers are not covered by the Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 therefore the sick leave figures include absence as a result of work related illness and injury". Between January 2005 and August 2007 there were 5,310 instances where police officers took sick or carers leave.
 - (a) The total number of days taken by police officers for sick or carers leave between January 2005 and August 2007 was 149,687 days.

The sick leave figures may change subject to the processing of outstanding applications.
 - (b) This figure can be found in the WA Police Annual Report.
- (2) The following table details the number of offences reported to WA Police between January 2001 and August 2007.

Reported Offences	Jan-01 to Aug-07
Total Selected Reported Offences	1315608
Detected Offences	101577
Miscellaneous Offences	440334

Notes:

1. Total Selected Reported Offences includes all Offences Against the Person and Offences Against Property, as defined for the Key Performance Indicators of the WA Police. These offences include: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Assault, Deprivation of Liberty, Threatening Behaviour, Robbery, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Stealing, Arson, and Property Damage.

2. Detected Offences are those offences not reported to Police by a complainant, but that are detected in the course of investigations. These offences include: Drugs (Traffic), Drugs (Possess) and Receiving / Illegal Use.

3. Miscellaneous Offences are not generally reported statistically. These offences include: Stealing with Burglary (recorded administratively to facilitate the recording of stolen property, but not classed as a separate offence statistically, and hence included in the Miscellaneous category. This offence accounts for ~80% of this category), Graffiti, Fraud, Breach of Justice Orders, Animal Offences, Licensing Offences, Electoral Offences, Bribery & Corruption, some Traffic Offences, Trespass, Antisocial Behaviour, Criminal Intent / Conspiracy, Public Standards Offences, Offences Against Justice / Government Procedures, Harassment, and Transport Offences.

- (3) The clearance rate for the month of August 2007 is listed in the following table.

Clearance Rate	Aug-07
Total Selected Reported Offences	30.6%
Detected Offences	92.6%
Miscellaneous Offences	60.6%

Notes:

1. Refer to Notes for Question (2) above.

2. The Clearance Rate is determined as the number of offences that are cleared in the month as a proportion of the number of offences that are reported in the month. The offences cleared may have been reported during an earlier period.

- (4) There are 17,527 outstanding warrants held by the WA Police as at 21 November 2007. This is made up as follows:
- (a) 3,056 Warrants over 15 years old; 1,605 Warrants 10 to 15 years old; 2,290 Warrants 5 to 10 years old; 2,858 Warrants 1 to 5 years old; 3,201 Warrants 3 to 12 months old; 4,517 Warrants less than 3 months old.
 - (b) 9,021 Arrest Warrants (Warrants in the 1st and Bench Warrants); 1,250 Warrants of Apprehension (ie return to Prison & Breach of Order); 6,001 Fines Enforcement Warrants, and 1,255 Other Warrants (ie Warrant of Execution, interstate, etc).
 - (c) Whilst Fines Enforcement makes up 34% of the total outstanding warrants, they represent 76% of all warrants issued for 2007 and 71% of the outstanding warrants from 2007.
 - (d) 82% of recently issued warrants have been executed within 18 months of issue.
- Execution of warrants is an issue facing all police jurisdictions. The Australasian Ministerial Council for Police and Emergency Management — Police, Senior Officers, Group, has formed an inter-jurisdictional working group that will investigate best practice and drive reform at a national level.
- (5) WA Police does not have specific non operational roles, however it does have police positions that can be filled by either operational or non-operational officers i.e. deemed medically unfit for operational duties. Examples of these roles include Call Taker/Dispatcher, Crime Prevention and Diversity Officer, Information Management Unit Support Officer, Information Officer, Trainer, Supervisor (Incident Desk, Police Operations Centre and Forensic), Prosecutor and Operational Support Officers.